



**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
***IMMT- PROGRAMS AND BEST PRACTICES (P&BP) SUBCOMMITTEE***

June 23, 2020  
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**Subcommittee Members Present**

Nelson Agbodo  
Dara Basley  
Michele Brown  
Angela Ellison  
Christine Emmons  
Michelle Hoersch  
Patti Lee King  
Kenya McRae  
Guadalupe Perez  
Ashley Phillips  
Jennie Pinkwater  
Cheryl Wolfe

**Guests**

Jessica Lamberson  
Pastor Angelique Muhammad

**Subcommittee Members Not Present**

Michelle Collins  
Veronica Halloway  
Barbara Julion  
Jasmine Martin  
Ellen Mason  
Gordon Mayer  
Santina Wheat

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**Call to Order**

The subcommittee meeting began at 3:32 pm with a welcome from Dara Gray Basley, Subcommittee Chair. Roll was taken and the agenda and Minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting were approved.

## Public Comments

Next, Dara asked if there were any public comments. She noted that fifteen (15) minutes were allotted for the public comment period and each person would have a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. There were no comments from the public.

## Discussion Items

### P&BP Subcommittee Data Collection Tool

The group first went over the data collection form. They discussed revising the document to better highlight the importance of the program/research in addressing the issue of infant and/or maternal health. In addition, the group clarified that information could be gathered on existing programs as well as those that have ended.

Nelson presented on research he previously conducted regarding the effectiveness of prenatal care on birth outcomes. The study focused on the case of Illinois in the context of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Medicaid expansion, using the State's certified birth records from 2010 to 2017 and a before-and-after design (Agbodo, N.V., 2019). The findings provide insight on Medicaid policy incrementalism and protecting the right to health for low-income women and infants.

The group thanked Nelson for his presentation. They came up with a list of additional programs they for which they would to gather additional information.

Program	Assignment
Healthy Start	Angela Ellison
Case management	Chris Emmons
Better Birth Outcomes	Kenya McRae
Nurse...	Cheryl Wolfe
Family Connects	Cheryl Wolfe
ILPQC Birth Equity Initiative	Patti King
EverThrive	Kenya McRae
March of Dimes Support of Pregnancy Care	Ashley Phillips
West Side United Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internal Care Coordination</li><li>• Severe Maternal Morbidity</li></ul>	Cheryl Wolfe
Centering	Dara Basley
Health Works	Chris Emmons
High Risks	Guadalupe Perez
Best Baby Zones	Cheryl Wolfe
St. Francis in Peoria programs (faith community nursing programs, breastfeeding and other activities) - <a href="https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-francis/services/wellness-services/faith-community-nursing/">https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-francis/services/wellness-services/faith-community-nursing/</a>	Pastor Angelique Muhammad
Listening to Women.....	Dara Basley

All forms for the above listed programs as well as other programs/research identified by the group should be completed and sent to Kenya by 5:00 pm (CST) on July 20, 2020.

#### Utilizing Student Interns for Research

The discussed having students do a deep dive in to specific research questions such as how to address implicit bias and implement change to improve infant and maternal health. Dara stated that group would need to come up with some research questions for the students to research and provide feedback. During the next meeting the group will generate research questions and determine whether students will be needed. Angela will follow up with Arden Handler from UIC discuss the possibility of having UIC students assist with the research project.

#### Timeline for Subcommittee's Activities

The group agreed the subcommittee will meet from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The group plan to present the various programs and generate research questions.

##### Future Meetings:

- July 28<sup>th</sup>
- August 25<sup>th</sup>
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- October 27<sup>th</sup>
- November 24<sup>th</sup>
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Adjournment**

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.